

## House Resolution 1045

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of  
2 Technology, and Georgia State University for their contributions to higher education; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia is composed of 26 public institutions with a  
5 current enrollment of more than 333,000 students and has a significant educational, research,  
6 and community presence in all 159 counties of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia, one of the largest employers in Georgia  
8 generating more than 168,000 jobs and a \$17.7 billion economic output impact, is committed  
9 to graduating more students who are prepared for today's workforce challenges, making a  
10 college degree an affordable goal and accomplishment, and being good stewards of the state's  
11 investment in higher education; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's four public research universities include the University of Georgia,  
13 Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University, all  
14 working to educate future teachers, engineers, researchers, healthcare professionals, industry  
15 experts, and civic leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia is the birthplace of the American system of public  
17 higher education, having been granted a charter by the Georgia General Assembly on January  
18 27, 1785, and is a comprehensive land-grant and sea-grant research institution that is  
19 committed to advancing its missions of teaching, research, and service; it serves an  
20 enrollment of nearly 39,000 students—of whom 88 percent of undergraduate students are  
21 Georgia residents—through 17 schools and colleges with 96 percent of graduates employed  
22 or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation, and it enjoys the support of  
23 more than 324,000 living alumni, most of whom reside in the State of Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia contributes an annual estimated economic impact of  
25 \$6.5 billion on the State of Georgia through creating innovative technology to promote  
26 business development, preparing students to be leaders in their fields, and providing training  
27 that helps communities, entrepreneurs, and small businesses thrive; it has been recognized  
28 as a leader in technology commercialization—named the number one university in new  
29 products reaching the market and the number four institution for the number of intellectual  
30 property licenses executed—and has reached record levels of research and development  
31 expenditures, totaling \$453 million; and

32 WHEREAS, Augusta University is Georgia's health sciences university and is a growing  
33 national center for cybersecurity education; a comprehensive research institution graduating  
34 high-impact leaders in STEM, the liberal arts, education, and business; home to the state's  
35 only dental and public medical colleges and the prime provider of Georgia's medical  
36 practitioners; a discovery-to-treatment environment with a \$100 million research investment  
37 in cancer, neuroscience, stroke, cardiac care, and more; home to the Georgia Cancer Center  
38 and Children's Hospital of Georgia; and dedicated to improving the health of all Georgians  
39 no matter where they live; and

40 WHEREAS, Augusta University is Georgia's innovation center for education and healthcare,  
41 training the next generation of innovators, leaders, and healthcare providers in classrooms  
42 and clinics in Augusta, Rome, Albany, Savannah, Brunswick, and hundreds of clinical sites  
43 across the state; more than 9,000 students choose Augusta for educational opportunities at  
44 the center of Georgia's new cybersecurity hub and for experiential learning that blends arts  
45 and application and humanities and the health sciences; Augusta is home to Georgia's only  
46 public academic health center, where groundbreaking research is creating a healthier, more  
47 prosperous Georgia, and world-class clinicians are bringing the medicine of tomorrow to  
48 patient care today; and

49 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology, serving over 36,000 students as the  
50 number five public university in the nation, having a \$3.4 billion annual economic impact  
51 on the state, recently assisting more than 1,000 Georgia manufacturing companies, and  
52 creating or saving more than 2,500 jobs in Georgia, is the number three public university in  
53 the nation for annualized return on investment in higher education; and

54 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology has a \$1 billion research enterprise and is  
55 committed to bringing its tremendous research and faculty expertise to solve Georgia's  
56 pressing challenges; and

57 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology is preparing students with the skills for  
58 modern success in the 21st century tech-driven market, including the fields of engineering,  
59 computing, science, business, design, and liberal arts; and

60 WHEREAS, with six campuses throughout metro Atlanta, Georgia State University provides  
61 its world-class faculty and more than 53,000 students with unsurpassed connections to the  
62 opportunities available in one of the 21st century's great global cities. A national leader in  
63 graduating students from diverse backgrounds, Georgia State provides a rich experience with  
64 award-winning housing, hundreds of student clubs and organizations, and one of the most  
65 diverse student bodies in the country. Over the past ten years, Georgia State has been  
66 distinguished by the tremendous expansion of research programs, more than doubling  
67 research funding and expenditures. Georgia State has emerged as the nation's third  
68 fastest-growing research university, among those with over \$100 million in annual research  
69 expenditures and research funding exceeding \$100 million for five years in a row.

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
71 the members of this body commend the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the  
72 Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University for their exemplary efforts  
73 and commitment to higher education in Georgia.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
75 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
76 student government associations of these fine institutions.